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Office Action Summary

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BARBAS ET AL.

Examiner

Joseph F. Murphy

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-21, 23, 24, 26-46, 69 and 73 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-6, 8, 10-27, 32-35, 37-39, 41-42, 44, 46, 69-89 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Formal Matters

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 10-35, 37-39, 41-42, 44, 46, 69-89 are pending and under consideration.

Response to Amendment

The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-21, 23-24, 26-46, 69, 73 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Scheller et al. (1998) has been obviated by Applicant's amendment and is thus withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 10-21, 23-35, 37-39, 41-42, 44, 46, 69-89 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scheller et al. (1998) in view of Sibson et al. (WO/9401548).

New issues are set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims as written read on host cells, including eukaryotic and animal cells. There is no limitation wherein the host cells are isolated or in culture, therefore the claims read on transfected cells in a human, and thus are not patentable subject matter. This rejection could be obviating by adding a limitation wherein the host cells are isolated or in culture.

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Conclusion

Claims 28-31 are rejected.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8, 10-27, 32-35, 37-39, 41-42, 44, 46, 69-89 are allowable.

Advisory Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Murphy whose telephone number is (571) 272-0877. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa, can be reached on (571) 272-0829.

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